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PHONE		DATE	12/17/2002
RE	United States Patent Application for System, Device, and Method For Providing Mutual Exclusion for Computer System Resources Serial No.: 09/480,390		
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### COMMENTS

Please see attached.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael P. Wagner                      Att'y Docket: 1956/126  
Serial No.: 09/480,390                      Art Unit: 2172  
Filed: January 11, 2000                      Examiner: To, B.  
Title: SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MUTUAL  
EXCLUSION FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM RESOURCES

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Jeffrey T. Klayman

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2002.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please cancel claims 1-40 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 41-74 as follows:

41. A method for providing mutual exclusion for a resource in a computer system having a plurality of processes, the method comprising: